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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP SPY POND COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2010 MEETING Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, David Gillman, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob & Harriet Noyes, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.

Facilitator: Jacob Friis Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, February 16, March 9, April 6, May 14, June 8.
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

Coming events:

- Sunday, March 21, 2:30 – 5 p.m., Robbins Library Community Room: Workshop on lake edge management by Frances Clark.
- Sunday, May 2: EcoFest in Town Hall Auditorium.

Pond matters:

- Fertilizer flyer: At Dick Terry's suggestion we will revive the format from several years ago.
- Waterbodies fund: We will again submit a warrant article for an appropriation.
- Weed treatment: Spy Pond will probably need a full treatment this year. We need to keep track of the process (requesting RFP, etc.) so that it doesn't get delayed until it is too late for effective treatment, like last year. Joey to prepare a timeline.
- Phragmites: John McKenna of the Kelwyn Manor Association has knocked down some of the dead reeds near KM Park, but DPW has not been able to collect them because the ice is not yet strong enough. We should check where this stands by the Feb. 16 meeting. The reeds shield the park from Rt. 2, so the KM Association favors replacing them with suitable plants.
- Phragmites removal on land is on the Con Com agenda for Feb. 25. John McKenna will represent Kelwyn Manor; Brad will see Elaine Sacco about getting her OK for removing the reeds on the island.

Trails Day, May 8:

- Plans are for pruning vistas, brushing in unwanted trails, going after invasives and poison ivy.
- New plantings could not be watered from the pond after weed treatment, so it may be better just to make plans for plantings in the fall. We need to check with Brett Loosian about what MassHighway could provide.
- Publicity: Newspapers (Stroker), Arlington List (Jacob), AMC (Stroker), MyRWA (Bill), ALT (Jane), FSPP, KM Assoc. (Elizabeth), Boys & Girls Club (ask Francis Callahan?).
- Ideas for attracting more volunteers and making it more interesting for them:
- Include a brown bag lunch/social, with beverages provided, and display the pictures of previous Trails Days used at Town Day.
- Handouts of info from Frances Clark's program (with sources for recommended plants).
- Have samples of recommended plants, have a drawing for a plant from the names on waiver slips and donors to phragmites fund.
- Jacob or Steve will ask MassHighway to get convicts to pick up trash on the highway side of the fence and to cut the grass along the path before Trails Day.